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**PATENT**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

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For: Microfluidic Design Automation  
Method And System

Customer No.: 20350

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Examiner: Wilson Lee

Art Unit: 2821

**REQUEST FOR EXCUSE OF ERROR**

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Sir:

Applicants, without intent to deceive, erroneously failed to notify the Office upon payment of the issue fee that they are no longer claiming small entity status. Excuse of the error is requested. 37 CFR § 1.28(c).

The following is an itemization of the total deficiency payment due.

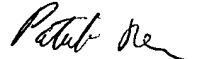
Payment	Small Entity Amount Paid	Current Large Entity Amount	Deficiency
Issue Fee	\$665 (10/29/04)	\$1400	\$735
Total			\$735

Adjustment date: 10/03/2005 SLUANG2  
11/01/2004 HDEMSS2 00000035 502508 09894857  
01 FC:2501 685.00 CR

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It is, thus, believed that the deficiency amount owed is \$735. Including the \$130 processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i), the total amount due for excuse of the error is believed to be \$865, which the Office is authorized to deduct from Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Should the amount due be determined by the Office to be otherwise, the Office is authorized to deduct the determined amount from Deposit Account No. 20-1430. This Request is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,



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